THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Sugar Mills in Sindhudurg, Maharashtra

1098. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a sugar factory in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any move to change the site of this sugar factory to Kolhapur district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up a new co-operative sugar factory at Amboli, Tal. Sawantwadi, District Sindhudurg in the State of Maharashtra has been received.

(b) So far, Ministry of Food has not received any proposal from the Co-operative Society for change of location of the proposed sugar factory to Kolhapur District.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance for Playgrounds

1099. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools provided with the Central assistance for playgrounds in Maharashtra during Seventh Plan period; and

(b) whether there is any restriction for assistance on the number of schools per district per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Fifyone.

(b) No, Sir.

Allocation to Colleges of Maharashtra by UGC

1100. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant sanctioned to colleges of Maharashtra by the University Grants Commission during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the names of the colleges to which these grants have been allocated, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government give any priority/preference to colleges located in hilly and backward areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). UGC provides development grants to all eligible colleges for strengthening institutional infrastructure such as buildings, books and journals, equipment and other facilities designed to promote the quality and level of teaching and research. The Commission also provides grants under various Schemes of Special Assistance. According to the information furnished by UGC, eligible colleges affiliated to various universities in Maharashtra were provided grants amounting to Rs. 258.47 lakhs during 1989-90 and Rs. 229.49 lakhs during 1990-91. The names of these colleges, university-wise, have been included in the list of colleges maintained by UGC under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act. A copy of the printed document containing this list has been made